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WEEKLY ROUNDUP OF WORLD PRODUCTION AND TRADE

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WASHINGTON, April 2--The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following recent developments in U.S. agricultural trade:

U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS

U.S. agricultural imports during February 1982 were down 35 percent from the same month last year, totaling almost \$1.07 billion. A 22-percent decline in total import volume, coupled with a 16-percent decline in unit prices, were responsible. This sharp drop in value is a continuation of monthly import declines experienced through this fiscal year (October 1981-February 1982). The cumulative fiscal 1982 import total is \$6.35 billion--down 18 percent from the same 5-month period last year. Continued reductions in the value of sugar, coffee, rubber and gums, and beef imports were chiefly responsible for February's poor showing.

Sugar imports during February were down 84 percent in value to \$29 million because of 48 and 65 percent declines in import prices and volume, respectively. Lower prices appear to be the result of a record 1981/82 world sugar crop. Reduced import volume is attributable to increased U.S. supplies because of record imports during December that were designed to avoid increased 1982 sugar duties, as well as continued decline in U.S. per capita consumption of sugar brought on by increased substitution of high fructose corn syrup.

The value of coffee imports fell 38 percent to \$199 million, due to a 32-percent decline in volume and an 8-percent decline in unit prices. Like sugar, increased world production is responsible for the lower import price.

Beef imports--at \$70 million--declined 52 percent from February 1981, the result of lower volume and import prices. Lower domestic beef prices and increased availabilities are chiefly responsible.

Fresh vegetables were one of the few major imports to increase in value, rising by 61 percent over the February 1981 level to \$104 million. This was the result of a 12-percent increase in volume and a 42-percent increase in unit prices. The recent freeze in Florida is the primary reason for the increased import level.

When combined with developments in U.S. farm exports, U.S. agricultural imports during February leave the monthly trade balance with a surplus of \$2.43 billion, up 12 percent from February 1981. The cumulative fiscal 1982 agricultural trade balance is now a surplus of \$11.7 billion, 2 percent lower than the same 5-month period last year.

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U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES
OCTOBER 1980 - FEBRUARY 1982

COMMODITIES	UNIT	CUMULATIVE TO DATE		CURRENT MONTH (FEBRUARY)	
		QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
		: 10/80-02/81:10/81-02/82:DIF	: 10/80-02/81:10/81-02/82:DIF	: 1981	: 1982 :DIF
GRAINS AND FEEDS					
WHEAT & PRODUCTS	MT	66,289	70,564 +7	82,423	89,252 +8
BARLEY & MALT	MT	73,808	89,595 +22	16,808	18,403 +9
OTH COARSE GRAINS	MT	11,972	16,940 +42	4,020	4,17 +17
PULSES	MT	14,506	11,360 -22	9,516	8,384 -12
OTHER	XXX			69,842	71,389 +2
TOTAL	L.			182,039	191,448 +5
OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS					
OILSEEDS	MT	64,990	78,742 +21	28,982	32,128 +11
COCONUT OIL	MT	264,384	163,908 -38	149,046	84,467 -43
PALM OIL	MT	88,055	47,443 -46	41,842	22,884 -45
OTHER VEG. OILS	MT	74,996	68,162 -9	70,205	59,825 -16
OTHER	MT	39,760	34,192 -14	64,078	16,925 -74
TOTAL	MT	532,185	392,446 -26	354,852	216,229 -39
SEEDS					
	MT	21,245	22,620 +6	29,712	35,565 +20
COTTON, LINTERS, SILK	MT	7,258	4,747 -35	8,817	6,028 -32
TOBACCO UNMFG.					
CIGARETTE LEAF	MT	55,552	34,874 -37	138,981	107,900 -22
CIGAR LEAF	MT	1,810	964 -47	7,368	5,630 -24
SCRAP & STEMS	MT	14,962	14,876 -1	18,623	17,708 -5
TOTAL	MT	72,324	50,644 -30	164,972	131,238 -20
POULTRY PRODUCTS					
FEATHERS & DOWN	MT	3,201	1,996 -38	31,485	24,539 -22
POULTRY MEAT	MT	456	390 -14	1,517	1,960 +29
EGGS & PRODUCTS	XXX			1,958	1,513 -23
OTHER	XXX			2,641	804 -61
TOTAL	XXX			37,001	28,816 -22

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UNIT:	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY
: DAIRY PRODUCTS					
CHEESE. QUOTA.....	MT :	49,873	53,386	+7	134,094
CHEESE. NON-QUOTA..	MT :	7,581	7,203	-5	27,452
CASEIN.....	MT :	31,244	25,405	-19	90,956
OTHER.....	XXX:				5,827
TOTAL.....	XXX:				258,338
LIVESTOCK & PRODS.					
WOOL.....	MT :	11,908	13,869	+16	51,301
MEAT.....	MT :	410,738	289,463	-30	1065,111
BEEF AND VEAL....	MT :	313,284	206,025	-34	453,340
PORK.....	MT :	84,124	74,301	-12	229,393
OTHER (EDIBLE)....	MT :	13,330	9,137	-31	31,991
LIVE CATTLE.....	NO :	331,568	217,224	-34	104,318
OTHER LIVESTOCK...	NO :	93,688	88,097	-6	69,206
HIDES & SKINS...	XXX:				34,242
FURSKINS.....	XXX:				78,899
OTHER.....	XXX:				66,230
TOTAL.....	XXX:				1,469,998
HORTICULTURAL PROD.					
FRUIT.....	MT :	1700,365	1855,956	+9	441,946
FRESH.....	MT :	1100,271	1084,013	-1	227,762
PREP. & PRES...	MT :	128,552	127,599	-1	114,869
JUICES.....	LIT:	471,542	644,344	+37	99,315
VEGETABLES, FR/FZ..	MT :	395,380	466,988	+18	140,663
VEG., PREP., PRES..	MT :	107,221	171,617	+60	110,589
TREE NUTS.....	XXX:				106,404
WINE.....	LIT:	176,574	199,038	+13	329,116
OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEV..	LIT:	216,539	249,945	+15	148,200
NURSERY PRODUCTS...	XXX:				73,634
OTHER.....	XXX:				111,265
TOTAL.....	XXX:				118,586
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SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.									
SUGAR, RAW & REFINED	MT :	1628,286	2149,828	+32	1,079,673	750,826	-30	265,198	92,848
SWEETENERS.....	MT :	250,123	187,348	-25	99,295	78,234	-25	96,435	18,714
COCOA & PRODUCTS.....	MT :	164,616	152,692	-7	394,624	324,078	-19	42,879	43,554
COFFEE.....	MT :	502,139	472,637	-12	1,595,722	1,128,193	-29	107,633	73,632
ESSENTIAL OILS.....	MT :	4,015	2,991	-38	47,734	29,421	-39	1,002	589
TEA.....	MT :	33,375	32,644	-2	52,441	52,277	---	8,326	7,014
SPICES.....	MT :	55,961	46,618	-17	74,352	59,564	-20	10,896	8,466
FIBERS.....	MT :	36,193	26,718	-26	19,151	18,616	-2	9,027	2,782
RUBBER & ALLIED GUMS	MT :	248,756	290,283	+17	318,350	270,518	-14	88,154	60,321
OTHER.....	XXX:				51,444	45,610	-11		
TOTAL.....	XXX:				3,736,688	2,757,338	-26		
GRAND TOTAL.....	XXX:				7,704,232	6,347,346	-18		
								1644,951	1067,532
								-35	

NOTE: VALUE UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. LITER UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS.
XXX INDICATES QUANTITY TOTALS ARE NOT MEANINGFUL WHERE UNITS OF MEASURE DIFFER.

--- INDICATES CHANGE LESS THAN 1 PERCENT. *** INDICATES CHANGE GREATER THAN 999 PERCENT.

1/ INCLUDES BY-PRODUCTS.

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